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SUBJ: HARASSMENT OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS

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1. IF REFTEL REPORT ACCURATE, JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE APPEARS TO HAVE ESCALATED ITS ACTIVITIES TO MORE DANGEROUS LEVEL BY NOW USING PHYSICAL FORCE AGAINST SOVIET DIPLOMATS. MOREOVER, SUPPOSEDLY EXAGGERATED JDL "PRESS RELEASE" REFERENCE TO "FIST FIGHTS" WITH SOVIETS MAY ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVISTS TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

2. AS DEPARTMENT WELL AWARE, ANY PHYSICAL ASSAULT ON SOVIET DIPLOMATS WILL HAVE MORE EXACERBATING EFFECT ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS THAN PREVIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND VERBAL HARASSMENT. SINCE SOVIET RETALIATION AGAINST AMERICANS IN MOSCOW IS NOW POSSIBILITY, WE HAVE ALERTED ALL OF OUR PERSONNEL TO INCREASED HAZARD.

3. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS CONFERRED WITH METROPOLITAN POLICE CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED PROTECTION FOR SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN ORDER PREVENT SITUATION FROM WORSENING. EXEMPT BEAM

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